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Rangers Take Part in National Scout Jamboree

Where do you go if you want to shoot a cannon, snorkle and talk to a space station? The National Boy Scout Jamboree, of course! See page 3 for a first-hand account.



Secretary of the Army Togo West, eagle scout, addresses scouts gathered at the opening flag ceremony launching the 14th National Scout Jamboree.



Scouts mass for final arena show at the National Scout Jamboree held in Fredricksburg, Va. Tulsa District Park Ranger, Terry Holt of Marion Project, was one of 11 Corps rangers chosen to participate in this century's final national jamboree.

Colonel's Corner

It's All About TEAMWORK!!



Col. Timothy Sanford
District Engineer

THE TULSA TEAM, SUPPORTED BY THE SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION TEAM AND CORPS TEAM MEMBERS, JUST COMPLETED A VERY SUCCESSFUL FISCAL YEAR. You should all be proud of the superb mission execution you accomplished this past year. The results were delighted customers and professionally sustained and maintained government facilities. None of this happened as a result of purely individual efforts, although there were many, many superb examples of selfless service by district employees. We did a great job in FY97 because we worked as a TEAM! We pulled together to find solutions to difficult problems and to get over hurdles we couldn't navigate if we had relied on just our section, just our division, or just our district. You found win-win solutions where there was every reason to expect we would end up with just losers. There are many examples. Here are a few:

Design of the Defense Finance and Accounting Services Facility at Ft Sill. Given a nearly impossible schedule, little money, and already heavily committed design resources, we met and exceeded expectations to keep this project on track. Our Design Team and Project Manager Burl Ragland coordinated the resources of Little Rock, Fort Worth and Tulsa using "virtual connections" to share and exchange information to keep the project on track.

Operations Division and the Operations and Maintenance Budget Committee accomplished the impossible by obligating more than 98 percent of the O&M budget in spite of a late year transfer of additional funds from SWD. The teamwork they demonstrated resulted in Tulsa leading the division in this area of mission execution.

The Southwestern Division was audited by the Army Audit Agency during FY97 to determine how we were doing in complying with the Chief Financial Officer's Act. Our audit will be used as the audit for the entire Corps concerning CFO. The Corps has

had deficient areas every year since the CFO was established. Although we had been doing a good job, there were several areas where conversion to CEFMS had put us behind the power curve. During the last 60 days of the fiscal year, team members such as Karen Thompson, Linda Robinson, Joyce Heim, Vernon George, Mike Redemann, Ron Davis, Linda Phillips, Nikki Carr, Carol Lamberson, Pam Alambar, Louis Kouplen, Janie Steele, Patti Alworden and many more worked with auditors, USACE HQ and other SWD districts to bring us into compliance with all CFO issues.

District Teams delivered successful project awards for customers at an exceptional rate this FY. Superb coordination between E&C, PPMD, Contracting, customers, resident offices, and other districts resulted in the award of critical customer projects such as the Corrosion Control Facility at Tinker Air Force Base, Hanger 285 Fire Protection at Altus AFB, more than \$6 million in O&M work at Ft Sill, the Base Civil Engineer Complex at Vance AFB, nearly \$2 million of environmental work at Ft Chaffee and many other projects. Contracts worth \$188.9 million were awarded in FY97 (\$9 million more than in FY96). Nearly a quarter of this effort, \$42.1 million occurred in the last month of the FY. The last day saw our teams award \$2.5 million worth of work.

Across the district, in every division and office, key people worked extremely hard during the last quarter to develop our FY98 Operating Budget. This year's budget development was perhaps the most rigorous district-wide effort we have ever undertaken. A.W. Gibson, supported by many budget analysts and leaders, put together a thorough, comprehensive FY98 budget which will guide us into a very tough and demanding year in which we will have to stretch resources everywhere and find better ways to do things to get the most out of our resources. This team had to make very difficult projections of expenses and income for the year and even more difficult recommendations to division chiefs concerning what would not be funded initially due to inadequate resources. They did this job professionally, with outstanding results.

The list of district accomplishments could go on and on. The list of stellar individual efforts could go on and on. But in every instance, we and our customers were winners because each of you looked to see how the **TEAM** could win, how the **TEAM** could find solutions to seemingly insurmountable challenges. FY97 was a watershed for teamwork within SWD. I am extremely proud of the leadership Tulsa has provided to the division in this effort. I am extremely proud of the leadership the division is providing the Corps in operating as a team. You should be proud as well of the

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Jamboree

Article and front cover photos by Terry Holt, Park Ranger, Marion Area Office

THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE MARKED THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST SUCH EVENT AND THE FINAL JAMBOREE OF THIS CENTURY.

Eleven Corps of Engineers park rangers were selected from across the nation to participate in the 1997 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill, Va., July 23 through Aug. 8. The Corps was one of 16 federal, state and private agencies with exhibits in the conservation area of the jamboree.

The title of the Corps exhibit was "Hydrosphere, the World of Water and You." The objective of the exhibit was to communicate the need for water conservation. Even though water is an endlessly renewable resource, clean fresh water is not. The exhibit was designed as an interpretive tool equipped with hands-on activities for scouts to learn about ways to prevent pollution and inform others of the need for water resource management. More than 8,000 scouts and scouters par-



David Hayes, park ranger, Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, Pasco, Wash.

Terry Holt mans the "Water Works" demonstration area of the Corps exhibit, "Hydrosphere, the World of Water and You." The exhibit, one of the most popular in the conservation area, was designed to emphasize the importance of clean, fresh water. Visitors were encouraged to change their behaviors and to become involved in efforts to prevent pollution and to protect and conserve water. They were also encouraged to inform others of the need for water resource management.



Photo by Charles Gregory, Headquarters, USACE, one of the designers of the Corps exhibit

Rangers gathered at the entrance to the Corps exhibit. Left to right, they are, back row, Mike Large, Ken Lucius, Jeff Pobieglo, David Quebedeaux, David Hays and Rick Magee. Front row, Terry Holt, Phil Smith, Kathy Anderson, Bill Bond and Arty Tapp.

ticipated in the activities at the Corps exhibit during the jamboree.

More than 37,000 people attended the jamboree itself. The enormous scale of the jamboree's events and activities was staggering. There was a scout link to the Mir space station to talk with astronauts. American hero Capt. Scott O'Grady was present to talk about his escape from Bosnia and how he survived and eluded capture. Scouts could snorkle or learn to fire a tank cannon in a simulator in the Army Action Center. They could earn any one of 62 merit badges offered at the Merit Badge Midway. The opportunities and activities seemed endless.

The theme of the jamboree, "Being Prepared for the 21st Century – Character Counts," was very apparent. Everywhere there were personal stories about the positive role that scouting plays in the lives of young people. Never in my life have I encountered so many well-mannered young people at one time. It was refreshing to see the character of these fine, young scouts.

Caging Plants to Help Fish

Barbara Cravens
Public Affairs Office

Corps, wildlife agencies and local communities are working together to restore fishery habitats at lakes in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Improvements for fish and waterfowl habitats and water quality, as well as sediment stabilization, and reduced shoreline erosion are the anticipated results of two environmental restoration projects currently underway in the Tulsa District.

Under the direction of the Waterways Experiment Station's Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility in Texas, Tulsa District is working together with wildlife agencies and local communities on two habitat restoration projects at lakes in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Authorized under Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, the two-year restoration projects are located at the Corps' El Dorado Lake, northeast of Wichita, and Arcadia Lake, just north of Oklahoma City.

The two lakes' water turbidity – caused by normal operation of the lakes for flood control and water supply – combined with low light penetration and intrusion by turtles and carp prevents aquatic vegetation from getting established. Without adequate vegetation, fishery ecosystems



Kansas fisheries biologist Ron Marteney, left, and Gary Dick of the Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility prepare tomato cages for floating plants at El Dorado Lake.

these cages prevents turtles, muskrats, beavers and carp from coming in and eating the plants.

The restoration projects are each planned in two-year construction phases. During the first year, several species will be planted in test plots using various planting and protective methods. The results of these test plantings will indicate the most suitable species as well as the level of protection needed. This information will then be used to maximize effectiveness and economy of additional plantings to take place during the second year.

Information obtained from the test plantings will also be useful in the design and construction of similar projects in the Tulsa District and other Southwestern Division districts. Successful plantings from both years will result in the development of founder colonies with the protective enclosures. These founder colonies will spread to adjacent, unvegetated areas of the reservoir, filling empty aquatic plant niches.

"The hardest part is to go from *no* vegetation to *some* vegetation," said Dr. Michael Smart of the Lewisville Aquatic Ecosystem Research Facility. "Once you get a little bit of vegetation going it's like positive feedback. If the plants grow, the water clears, the sediment stabilizes, light penetration increases making conditions favorable for further growth."

The plantings of up to a dozen different varieties of plant species began in June. Throughout the plants' dormant periods, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks at El Dorado Lake and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation at Arcadia Lake will monitor the plants and gather data. Cooperation and assistance with the communities surrounding the two lakes has been excellent.

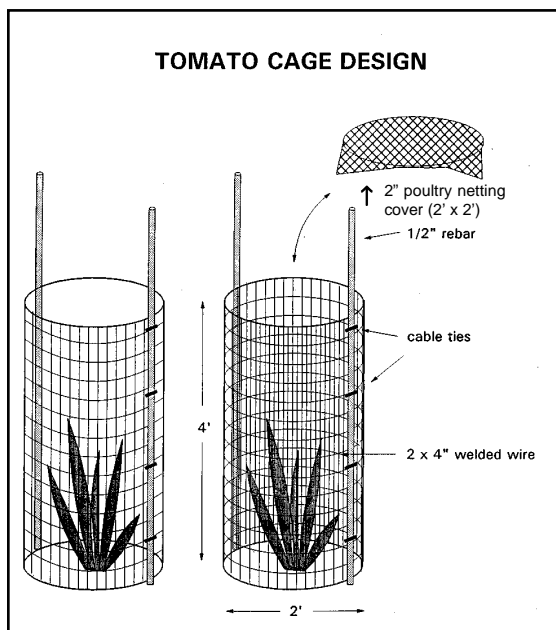
Ron Marteney, a fisheries biologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in south central Kansas, reiterates the benefits of the Corps' endeavors to restore these habitats.

"Vegetation will help provide fish habitat and nursery habitat for young fish," he said, "and secondary benefits include better water quality and stabilized mud plasas."

"There's a whole myriad of benefits that you really don't think about when you go out and stick a plant in the water – a lot

at both lakes have declined, primarily because of deterioration of spawning and nursery habitats for sunfish species such as bass, crappie and blue gill.

Attempting to restore aquatic plant communities is relatively new. The approach involves establishing "founder" colonies of several native aquatic plant species. The founder colonies are established by planting carefully selected species within protected plots. The plots are placed in areas around the lakes which have been determined favorable for growth. They're protected by fenced-in plots, ranging in size from small "tomato" cages to fenced-in areas measuring 16 x 32 feet. Using





Plant enclosures such as these at Arcadia Lake in Oklahoma allow protection for a variety of plant species.

of things can result and most of those are good results.”

Margaret Johanning, Tulsa District’s study team leader for these projects, reports that three months after the initial plantings the results are very encouraging.

“From the reports we’re receiving, there appears to be a better than 90 percent growth and survival in these two projects,” she said.

Personnel Notes

August Hello

Jamie L. Box, OD, Physical Support Branch

Goodbye

Merlin Dean, EC, Geotechnical Branch

Alfred Haddox, EC, Geotechnical Branch

Rickey Henry, OD, Tenkiller Project Office

Judy Farmer, OD, Management Support Branch

Alvin Williams Jr., OD, Physical Support Branch

Shannon Hudson, EC, Geotechnical Branch

Promotions

Hazel Davis, EC, HTRW Resident Office

Eugene Erwin, EC, Geotechnical Branch

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R. C. Green Jr., OD, Hugo Project Office

Christopher Keeler, OD, Hugo Project Office

Robert Owens, EC, Fort Sill Area Office

Susan Patterson, IM, Automation and Communication Branch

Everette Woodham III, EC, Central Oklahoma Area Office



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Courtesy Texoma Area Office

Let's Hunt – Texoma park rangers are preparing for an upcoming youth hunt in conjunction with Southeastern Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Here, Park Ranger Phil Newton hand broadcasts a wheat field.

Hunters will be selected by ODWC drawing. The hunt will be held Nov. 8-9 at the SOSU 300- acre Bioscience Area. The young hunters will be allowed to use shotguns with slug only for the two days of the hunt.

The area will remain closed from Oct. 6 through Nov. 10 to all deer hunting except the youth hunt. It will reopen to the public on Nov. 11 for archery deer hunting only.



Dana Linduff, Real Estate, and Ed Rossman, Planning Division, drill holes in boards used to repair the soffit at the front of the building. Behind the two men (in "The Beast") is the piece of exercise equipment purchased by Jack Moore for the agency.



Ruth Baer-Daily prepares to paint some interior walls.



Amy Picarella, Planning Division, paints a logo inside a heart on the building's front.



Lt. Col. Norton, deputy district engineer, tries out the punching bag he and his team members installed.

THIS YEAR, TULSA DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS SPENT SEPT. 12, THE DAY OF CARING, WORKING AT THREE WORK SITES FOR PALMER DRUG ABUSE AGENCY. The 40-plus volunteers spent the day doing a wide variety of projects for the agency ranging from installing software to installing exercise equipment and from knocking down weeds to knocking out walls.

A Day of Caring



Pete Gibson, Operations Division, put in a hard day's labor.



Barbara Reid, H&H Branch, worked outdoor cleanup.

Equality Day Celebrated

IN 1971, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATED AUG. 26 AS WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY TO HONOR WOMEN'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARD EQUALITY. This date is historically significant because it was on Aug. 26, 1920, that the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

This year, in celebration of Women's Equality Day, the Tulsa District Federal Women's Program Committee sponsored a program on Tuesday, Aug. 26, with a panel of Tulsa District women who discussed their individual journeys up the ladder of success. A question-and-answer session followed. The women who shared their stories were Kathy Carlson, park manager, Canton Project Office; Pamela Chronister, contract specialist, Contracting Division; Kay Hoover, general attorney, Office of Counsel; Ruth Norris, commander's secretary, Executive Office; Lisa Samilton, electrical engineer, Engineering and Construction Division.

These women are a small sampling of the outstanding women who work for the Tulsa District. Their shared experiences of how they got where they are today provided insight to all who attended the program.

Editor's note: Lisa Samilton's name was omitted from the mention of the Women's Equality Day in the Spotlight Section of the Colonel's Column in last month's Tulsa District Record. I apologize for the mistake.



Members of the Women's Equality Day panel are, left to right, Kathy Carlson, Ruth Norris, Kay Hoover, Pam Chronister and Lisa Samilton.

Eagle Eye Award Winner Named at Altus

THE ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE EAGLE EYE SAFETY AWARD WINNER FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 1997, IS BUCKNER & MOORE INC. OF MOORE, OKLA., CONTRACTOR ON THE VISITING OFFICERS' QUARTERS PROJECT.

The contractor's superintendent, Tommy Brunhuber, and Preston Leckie, quality control manager, have worked hard to keep safety the top priority on the job site. They take their weekly safety meetings seriously, and strive to discuss pertinent issues. They have always kept the site extremely neat and orderly which has decreased the chances of having an accident. Falling and tripping hazards are virtually eliminated. The Air Force has been very pleased with the appearance of the job site, and have commended Buckner & Moore.

Richard Long of the Altus Resident Office is the Corps quality assurance representative on the project. He works well with

the contractor's personnel to ensure that potential safety hazards are corrected immediately and that all safety requirements are met. The excellent safety record is in no small part due to his diligent efforts.

The \$12 million Visiting Officers' Quarters project consists of the new construction of two tree-story buildings, each housing 160 offic-



Nancy Perkins, Altus Project Office

Eagle Eye Presentation – Left to right are Preston Leckie, quality control for Buckner & Moore; Tommy Brunhuber, project superintendent; and Clif Warren, project manager, Altus Project Office. Buckner & Moore was the Altus office's Eagle Eye Safety Award winner for the third quarter, fiscal year 1997.

ers. Living units include a bedroom, living area, private bath and kitchenette. Each building also has a laundromat, vending areas and adjacent parking lots. A central energy plant is also being constructed. The project is expected to be completed this month.



... Teamwork

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role you are playing in leading the Corps and the district into the future.

FY98 will bring us many opportunities to grow and improve our service to customers in every aspect of the district's mission areas. It will bring us many challenges, beginning with extremely tight budgets and resources. I am confident as a result of seeing how you have dealt with the challenges of FY97, that FY98 will be an even better year than FY97. I am confident because I see **TEAMWORK** at the center of every success. I see **TEAMWORK** as the foundation of the district culture. The key to continuing to successfully create delighted customers is district, regional, and Corps-wide **TEAMWORK**. Let's commit ourselves to continuing to lead the way and set the standard!!

Essayons!!

We had a significant challenge recently in dredging a section of the McClellan-Kerr Navigation System that had the potential of stopping dredging completely after we had moved a dredge from Little Rock to the upper part of the System. Fast, professional work by Steve Chapman, Shane Charlson, Steve Nolan, and Jim Harris not only averted a major problem, but established excellent ground work for continued excellent relationships with the State Department of Environmental Quality. Superb job!!

I want to commend Dennis Johnson, area manager, for the outstanding newsletter he has developed to keep his people informed. The *River Rat Reports* is a great tool!

I received a very nice Thank You note from Domestic Violence Intervention Service for the school supplies we collected for children staying at the DVIS Shelter. They really made a difference. Thanks to

all who saw the need and gave from their heart.

Ed Rossman relayed some kudos to me from the recent Public Meeting he conducted at Wister Lake. People at the meeting were extremely complimentary of the information concerning the lake that is available on our Homepage. Ed Engelke does a super job as our Webmaster. Many others prepare information to be included on the Homepage. The result is one of the best government sites on the NET! Well done, Ed and supporting cast!!! The Homepage has even more possibilities – use it to get your information to customers.

I was extremely proud to read the nominations for Employee of the Quarter for fourth quarter, FY97. The selfless professional service that occurs daily across the district should make all of us proud to be Corps Team Members. I can't relate the details here, but let me tip my hat to all the nominees: Hal Capshaw, IM; David Epperly, E&C; Joyce Heim, RE; and Dorothy Gardner, Colleen Thayer, William Jefferies, Mike Schrick, Roger Moore and Dana Hannah, OD.

Congratulations to Steve Brewer, Jerry Camp and Tom Beavers, E&C Geotech Investigations Section, for becoming licensed drillers in the State of Texas! Steve had the highest test score of the 38 applicants who tested when he did.

I recently received a letter from the director of environmental quality at Fort Sill, the parent installation of Fort Chaffee, Ark. The letter complimented Hal Capshaw's professionalism, loyalty and exceptional performance during his one-year assignment as the acting environmental chief at Fort Chaffee. His technical expertise was crucial to the fort sustaining environmental compliance, and his professionalism was instrumental in resolving sensitive, emotional issues which often involved media representation. Great job, Hal, and welcome back!

The cast off party for the Combined Federal Campaign was a great success, and we are well on our way to reaching our goal. Thanks to all who helped us set sail. A special thanks to those who shared their personal experiences – Kari Barr, Wanda Foster, Russell Holeman, Mary Beth Hudson and Jeff London. Thanks also to Leann Pearce, Amy Picarella and Ed Rossman who put together the entertainment and to Vernon George, Shirley

Rolison, Joyce Yarbrough, Maggie Fletcher and Teresa Armagan, the Cast-away Chorus. The entire audience joins me in thanking my little buddy and the rest of the island castaways. You all were great sports for a good cause.

The talent and customer service attitude of the folks in Reprographics is always evident at a function such as this; all involved from Jim Laster's shop deserve a round of applause – and perhaps a standing ovation for Bill Cheatham! A big thanks to all who are on the campaign team and to those serving as key people. Most of all, though, thanks to all of you who have donated to the campaign; your generosity will help service agencies and their clients throughout the year.

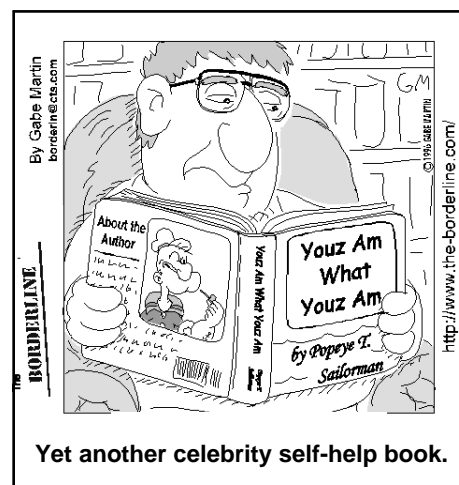
Engineer the Future!

Recycling Results



August 1997 Savings

KWHs of energy				29,130.50
Gallons of water				49,735.00
Cubic yards of landfill				23.45
Pounds of air pollution				426.30
Month	Trees Saved	Tons of Paper	Amount Made	
Jan.	160	9.41	187.25	
Feb.	130	7.66	139.25	
March	139	8.15	114.20	
April	96	5.63	89.88	
May	122	7.16	84.15	
June	113	6.67	80.90	
July	138	8.11	130.06	
August	121	7.11	117.38	
Totals	1019	59.9	943.07	



Summer Safety Meetings Focus on Voluntary Program

To join or not to join – that is the question

Jimmy C. Jackson
Chief, Physical Support Branch

JULY WAS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MONTH FOR OPERATIONS DIVISION. Members of the division's Safety Coordinating Council met with Hugh Terrell from OSHA's Oklahoma City office on July 15, and with Mike Citty, Roger Strain and Harold Griffin from Weyerhaeuser's Valliant, Okla., Paper Mill the next day.

The benchmarking meeting with OSHA was held at Lakeview Lodge on Broken Bow Lake. During the meeting, council members compared the content of the safety programs now in place at Operations Division field offices with the content required for membership in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program.

The next day's meeting included a tour of the paper mill where the meeting was held. During the meeting, the three Weyerhaeuser representatives described why they decided to pursue membership in the voluntary protection program, the amount of time and effort required to achieve membership, and membership benefits. The Weyerhaeuser Valliant Paper Mill has achieved STAR status, the highest that can be achieved, in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program. This accomplishment has resulted in a significant decrease in accident rates at the mill.

OSHA's Voluntary Protection Programs are designed to recognize and promote effective safety and health program management. To participate, management, labor and OSHA establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have already implemented strong safety and health programs. Management commits to operate an effective program that meets an established set of criteria. Employees com-

mit to participate in the program and work with management to ensure a safe and healthful workplace. OSHA initially verifies that the participant's safety and health program meets Voluntary Protection Program requirements through both application review and on-site review. OSHA then publicly recognizes the participant's exemplary program.

The Voluntary Protection Program concept recognizes that the objectives of the Occupational Safety and Health Act can never be fully achieved by enforcement alone. Safety and health management programs that go beyond OSHA regulatory standards can protect workers more effectively. Voluntary Protection Program participants are a select group of facilities that have designed and implemented outstanding safety and health programs.

Each member of the Operations Division Safety Coordinating Council is considering whether to seek entry into the program at their field locations. Participation

will require significant additional efforts over those required for simple regulatory compliance.

Council members are Ron Crank, Texoma Area Office; Ken Rezincek, Marion Area Office; Sherman Jones and Ben McKee, Keystone Area Office; Lloyd Isley, R. S. Kerr Area Office; Joe Thouvenel and Mike Clemons, Ft. Gibson Area Office; Paul Shockley, Oologah Area Office; Kim Shirley, Waurika Area Office; Cheryl Payton, Canton Area Office; Max Fowler and Johnny Parrish, Eufaula Area Office; Cynthia Kitchens, Hugo Area Office; Wayne Zimmerman, Fall River Area Office; Tracy Cartwright, Chloride Control Area Office; Tonya Holt, Dan Gibson and Jimmy Jackson, Physical Support Branch; and Bob Vandegriff and Bill Hinkle, Safety Office.

The council owes a very special thanks to Cynthia Kitchens of the Hugo Area Office for almost single handedly organizing and coordinating the two meetings.



Mrs. Sherman Jones

Operations Division Safety Coordinating Council meeting with OSHA at Lakeview Lodge, Broken Bow lake, in July. Pictured are, left to right, Bill Mobley, Max Fowler, Lloyd Isley, Tonya Holt, Sherman Jones (partially hidden), Paul Shockley, Bob Vandegriff, Hugh Terrell, Jimmy Jackson, Cynthia Kitchens, Wayne Zimmerman, Ken Rezincek, Kim Shirley, Ben McKee, Joe Thouvenel, Tracy Cartwright and Dan Gibson.

Family Additions

Yasmin Majali, born Aug. 28 – daughter of Ahmed and Ahlam Majali. Ahmed is an electrical engineer at Robert S. Kerr Project Office.

Brian Anthony Mead, born Sept. 1 – son of Randy and Melanie Mead. Randy is a civil engineer in the Engineering Geology and Soil Mechanics Section, Geotechnical Branch, Engineering and Construction Division.

Hannah Danielle Holt, born Sept. 15 – daughter of Trent and Tonya Holt. Tonya is an electrical engineering technician in Electrical/Mechanical Maintenance Support Section, Operations Division, located at Fort Gibson Project.

Dominic William Lynch, born Sept. 18 – son of Dennis and Lidia Lynch. Dennis is a project engineer in the Tulsa Area Office, Engineering and Construction Division.

Jake Taylor Northern, born Sept. 23 – son of Becky and David Northern. Becky is a secretary in Environmental Analysis and Support Branch, Planning Division.



Courtesy Eufaula Project Office

Members of the Eufaula Lake Encroachment Committee are caught by the camera taking a break and pulling out their hair. They are, left to right, Mike Dumford, Kent Dunlap, Jan Salter, Barbara Cravens, James Holder, Beth Sauls, Jim Huggans and Kent Grimes.

The committee is working on pro-active ways to approach encroachment issues at Eufaula. This includes educating the public, realtors, lenders and developers which could help eliminate future problems.

Skipper's Report

As of print date, the Combined Federal Campaign had raised more than \$ 58,265 towards its \$72,000 goal.



Join in the FUNd raisers the last week in October – have fun and help others at the same time!

Congratulations

To Angie Smith, Contracting Division, on being chosen to be listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges." She is a student at Tulsa Community College.

Condolences

To Gilbert Wood, retiree, on the Aug. 19 death of his wife, Bartiece, who was also a retiree. Mrs. Wood retired as a secretary in the early '70s. She fought a very long and brave bout with cancer.

To Alan Geismar, retiree, on the Sept. 3 death of his wife, Vera. Alan was chief,

Hydropower Branch, when he retired about 10 years ago.

To Karen Kennedy, Real Estate Division, on the Sept. 7 death of her mother, Judy Kennedy. Judy was a former employee in both the Operations and Construction divisions. Condolences also go out to her friends and former co-workers.

To friends and family of Violet Louise Patterson, retiree, who passed away Sept. 16. She worked in both Operations and Engineering and Construction divisions before her retirement.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lynch on the death of their son. A Vietnam veteran, Jack Michael Lynch died Sept. 3 from bone cancer. Jack retired as an appraiser in 1972 from Hugo.

Retiree Roundup

After 31 years of federal service, I retired from the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers in October 1967 at age 55, just 30 years ago this month. It doesn't seem possible! I sold mutual funds and insurance for ten years after that, before retiring a second time.

My wife, Mildred, and I both enjoy traveling so we've taken many trips, both in the U.S. and abroad. However, in the last 10 years we've limited our trips to the U.S., Canada and Mexico. We find that elderhostels are more our speed now.

We're both in reasonably good health, with only the usual aches and pains that go along with being over 80 years old. I still enjoy gardening, and play golf on the LaFortune par-three course occasionally. It's the only course I can shoot less than my age on.

We moved to the independent living area at Oklahoma Methodist Manor about 10 years ago, and consider it the second-best move we ever made. The best move would have to be coming to the Tulsa District in 1952. We have many good memories of those days.

Come by for a visit or give me a call at (918) 747-9876 sometime.

Ross E. Rogers, Tulsa

Shown is Lee Boston who retired from Fort Gibson in 1976 after 29 years of federal service. According to the information accompanying the picture, Lee decided to catch up on his fishing after he retired. His health is now suffering, and he spends his time around his home in Hulbert, Okla.



Lee Boston, 1976 retiree from Fort Gibson

Thank you so much for publishing the *Tulsa District Record*, and sending it to those that wish to read it. I love the paper, and read it from cover to cover.

When I read the letter from Millie Crabbe in the August edition, it brought back so many memories of the Corps because I worked under Millie for some of the years that I was with the Corps which was from 1962 to 1988. I worked with Millie; Leon Carney, head of the Accounting Section; Eugene Carter, head of Civil Works; Violet Carmichael, assistant supervisor; Lester Wilson; Frank Simms; Col. George Rebh; Col. John Driskill; Col. Robert Bening, etc.

When I first started in 1962, we were down on Main Street; I think it was about Sixth and Main. Shortly after, we moved to Third and Boulder. Keystone Dam was our main topic at the time, and a group of the people that I worked with would get together after work and we would go to Keystone Lake, take our dinner and swim in the lake until we were ready to eat. We did so many things like that because all Corps employees were like one big family.

Thanks for the Retiree Breakfast held Sept. 11 at the Harvest Buffet. There was a great attendance, and it was so much fun to meet friends that I hadn't seen for awhile.

I am looking forward to the barge ride on Oct. 7. I hope to meet a large number of the retirees there.

Iva Turinsky, Tulsa

I have never worked for the Corps. My husband, Harry Blake, started January 1966, and retired July 31, 1983. Soon after retiring, he suffered an aortic aneurysm and a light stroke which left him unable to do all the things he had planned for his retirement.

He spent almost 10 years in his Lazy-Boy. He read, sometimes as many as ten books a week, from the Independence, Kan., library. He liked western history and good western novels. He passed away July 10, 1993.

Your letter was addressed to me so I will add a bit about me. I still live on our place in eastern Chautauqua County, Kan. The pasture is leased to others for grazing cattle. I keep a large yard mowed. I have a quilting machine, and make quilts, mostly for relatives – especially for three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. If anyone says, "Let's go," I am ready. My sister and I drove to California. My brother, his wife, my sister and I drove east as far as Virginia.

I am 78 years old, and enjoy good health. If this doesn't fit in your "Retiree Response," put it in the waste basket.

Dorothy Blake, Elk City, Kan.

Every day is different! I have no schedule! Would you believe I'm always pressed for time?

Tommy R. Binkley, Owasso, Okla., retired from Mechanical Design Section, E&C Division, in 1994



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| Oct. 14-15 | Tulsa/
Galveston Districts
Partnering Meeting |
| Oct. 16 | End-of-Year
Closeout Picnic |
| Oct. 27-31 | CFC FUNd raisers |
| Nov. 4-6 | Ranger In-Service Training,
Sheraton Hotel, Tulsa |
| Nov. 8-9 | Deer Hunt (slug only) for Youth
with ODWC, Lake Texoma |
| Nov. 13 | Native American Indian Pro-
gram, Tulsa Office |
| Nov. 15 | Special hunt, non ambulatory,
Boy Scout Wildlife Managment
Area, Fort Gibson Lake |

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Leffie Snyder and Glenn Ferguson



Beverly Leland and Odessa Sneed visit while several retirees search for their pictures on the display.



Bob Ramsey looks on as Pat Clark and Cheri Fowler share a hug.

About 140 people attended this year's breakfast. Some of them are shown here.

Retiree Breakfast 1997



This year's breakfast was held Sept. 11 at the Harvest Buffet in Tulsa. Here, some of the gathering are shown listening to John Roberts, deputy district engineer for project management, give a district update.